

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 2 and 3 as indicated below and as explained in the Remarks.

2. (Four Times Amended) [The batten of claim 1,] A tile roof system, comprising in combination:

an overlayment;

a rigid tile; and

a batten disposed between the tile and the overlayment, the batten comprising:

at least one layer comprising generally planar first plies and a second ply, the first and second plies cooperating to define a multiplicity of passages extending generally transversely to a longitudinal axis of the batten, and in which the second ply includes a multiplicity of cross plies extending between the first plies.

3. (Three Times Amended) [The batten of claim 1,] A tile roof system, comprising in combination:

an overlayment;

a rigid tile; and

a batten disposed between the tile and the overlayment, the batten comprising:

at least one layer comprising generally planar first plies and a second ply, the first and second plies cooperating to define a multiplicity of passages extending generally transversely to a longitudinal axis of the batten, and in which the second ply is generally convoluted.